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EXECUTIVE ORDER 18-11

Drought Declaration

WHEREAS, the Director of the Kansas Water Office has informed me, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2608(d), of the drought conditions within the state; and

WHEREAS, there is every indication that drought conditions are present across the state; and

WHEREAS, these drought conditions will not abate in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Emergency Management Act (K.S.A. 48-924 *et seq.*) states that the Governor shall be responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and its people from disasters, including drought.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby:

- 1. Declare a Drought Watch, Drought Warning, or Drought Emergency for the counties specified below; and
- 2. Authorize and direct all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to implement the appropriate Watch, Warning, or Emergency level drought response actions assigned to them in the Operations Plan of the Governor's Drought Response Team.

<u>Drought Watch counties</u>: Anderson, Atchison, Bourbon, Brown, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Crawford, Decatur, Doniphan, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Gove, Graham, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Johnson, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, Miami, Mitchell, Nemaha, Norton, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Republic, Riley, Rooks, Shawnee, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Wabaunsee, Washington, Wyandotte

<u>Drought Warning counties</u>: Allen, Butler, Chautauqua, Chase, Cowley, Dickinson, Elk, Ellis, Ellsworth, Greeley, Greenwood, Harvey, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, McPherson, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Ness, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Trego, Wallace, Wichita, Wilson, Woodson

<u>Drought Emergency counties</u>: Barber, Barton, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hamilton, Harper, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Meade, Morton, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 18-11 and shall become effective immediately.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR

DATED

Secretary of State

Asst. Secretary of State

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KRIS W. KOBACH SECRETARY OF STATE